

Washington State Patrol Media Release

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State Fire Marshal Awards \$62,000 in Grant Funding to Local Fire Departments

Chief Ronal W. Serpas announced today that the Office of the State Fire Marshal has awarded \$62,000 in funding to local fire departments to be used to increase participation in the National Fire Incident Reporting System (NFIRS) throughout the state.

NFIRS is the nationally recognized standard for documenting emergency response incidents. The information gathered in NFIRS provides insight into the fire problem of communities throughout Washington State, as well as nationwide, and is used to compile the annual Fire in Washington Report.

State Fire Marshal Corso states, "Statistics available through NFIRS have aided in the development of safer consumer products and enhanced building and fire code requirements. In addition, it provides information on the number of fires, EMS, and all other fire department response activity, as well as fire cause, smoke detector presence, and operation and other contributing factors. Data collection is the only way we can truly assess Washington's fire problem, and address it effectively."

The Office of the State Fire Marshal would like to thank the Washington State Association of Fire Chiefs for the assistance they provided in reviewing and determining grant awards.

The following departments received funding:

Clark County Fire District 1	\$2,075
Everett Fire Department	\$8,688
Jefferson County Fire District 1	\$3,500
Lynnwood Fire Department	\$8,589
Mason County Fire District 5	\$6,247
Seattle Fire Department	\$4,500
Spokane Fire District 3	\$10,000
Tukwila Fire Department	\$3,650
Region 2 (Grays Harbor County, Pacific County, Thurston County)	\$1,600
Region 3 (Whatcom County, Skagit County, Island County, San Juan County)	\$10,650
Region 7 (Kittitas County, Yakima County, Klickitat County)	\$2,500

The Office of the State Fire Marshal is a Bureau of the Washington State Patrol, providing fire and life safety services to the citizens of Washington State, including inspections of state-licensed facilities, plan review of fire protection systems and school construction projects, licensing of fire sprinkler contractors and pyrotechnic operators, training Washington State's firefighters, and collecting emergency response data. For additional information, you may visit our Web page at www.wsp.wa.gov and then click on "State Fire Marshal."

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